

Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2002

Meeting Time

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Meeting Location

**Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room
SPU Operations Control Center
2700 Airport Way South
Seattle, WA 98104**

Members Present: Bruce Bachen (SPU), Scott Brewer (KC), Tom Sibley (NMFS), Dennis Moore (Muckleshoot Tribe), Steve Foley (WDFW), Sam Wright (WA Trout), Chuck Wischman (Puget Sound Anglers), Tim Romanski (USFWS), Bill Robinson (Trout Unlimited), and Frank Urabeck (NW Marine Trade Association)

Other Participants: John McGlenn (Tetra Tech/KCM) Joan Thomas (WDFW), Chuck Clarke (SPU), Liz Kelly (SPU) Cyndy Holtz (SPU), Bill Wells (SPU), and Paul Faulds (SPU)

I. Call to order

Bruce called the meeting to order at 9:05AM

II. Approval of agenda

Members unanimously approved the revised agenda and added Lake Washington research to the agenda.

III. Minutes review and approval for February 21, 2001 meeting

Members approved the minutes from the last meeting with one change requested by Steve.

IV. Landsburg fish passage update

Bill provided members with a selection of the fish passage plans created by Montgomery Watson Harza. He reported the final fish passage design was completed in January following a meeting with Larry Swenson of the National Marine Fisheries Service and Ken Bates from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Frank Urabeck moved that the AFC recommend approval by the Parties to the Landsburg Mitigation Agreement of the final design plans for the Landsburg Fish Passage Project. Tom Sibley seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the motion. Bill also reported that the Department of Ecology still needed to complete the water quality permit and that King County is still working on the shoreline and building permits.

V. Meet Chuck Clarke Director of Seattle Public Utilities

Bruce introduced Chuck Clarke to the AFC and asked the meeting participants to introduce themselves and provide some background on how they became involved with the AFC. Chuck thanked members for the opportunity to meet with the AFC and described his background in federal, state, and local government. He briefly commented on permitting issues with the Landsburg Fish Passage Project and budget cuts at SPU, adding the City is committed to the Cedar River HCP.

VI. Interim mitigation for coho, chinook and steelhead

Bruce reported that by September 2002 the AFC is required to provide the Parties to the LMA a status report containing recommendations of interim mitigation measures for steelhead, coho, and chinook. The report shall recommend form(s) of interim mitigation for years 2003-2008. He noted that only about 20% of last years funding was spent resulting in a large carryover that is added to this year's commitment of \$100,000. Bruce reminded members that unspent funds would default to the downstream habitat restoration program. Members indicated they did not want the funds to go into default and participated in a brainstorming session to identify potential projects for interim mitigation measures. A list of potential ideas was generated.

VII. Broodstock Collection

John McGlenn explained the design process and site selection for broodstock collection on the Cedar River. Three sites are under review for broodstock collection, the South Boeing Bridge, the I-405 Bridge at Renton, and the Renton Riverside City Park. These sites and others, potentially will be discussed with the City of Renton, Boeing and others before the sites are included in the EIS draft. John also provided an overview of some potential designs for each site.

VIII. Cedar River sockeye hatchery program

Cyndy reported that Dave Broadfoot would no longer be working on the EIS and that Pat Tangora would be taking over his responsibilities. Pat has been working as a consultant to the City on the EIS and is already familiar with the project. Cyndy is in the process of developing a timeline for the EIS that will include the dates for a public hearing, panel discussion, and other milestones.

IX. Public comment (scheduled for 11:30)

There were no public comments.

X. Information and discussion items

There were no information or discussion items.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM